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TO : Security Officer, CIA
Attn: Executive Officer
FROM : Chief, Security Research Staff
SUBJECT: EMERGENCY SECURITY PATROL

DATE: 8 September 1952

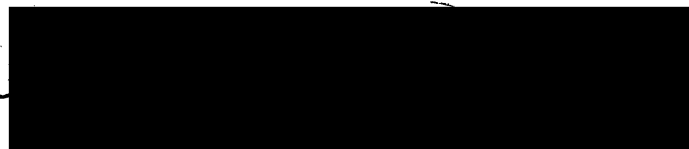
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1. Reference is made to my memorandum of 21 August 1952, reflecting the willingness of Inspector Howard V. Covell of the Metropolitan Police Department to cooperate with this Agency in connection with the establishment of an emergency security patrol.

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2. In anticipation of the preparation and forwarding of a letter, as suggested by Inspector Covell, to the Major and Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Department requesting the presence of Inspector Covell at a discussion of the matter under consideration, [REDACTED] reviewed the attached correspondence in the custody of the Office of Physical Security. This correspondence identified as a Disaster Plan indicates that on 7 November 1947, Inspector Covell was furnished a copy of a revised CIA Disaster Plan for comment or concurrence. The files of Physical Security further reflect that on 26 November 1947, Inspector Covell submitted to this Agency a two page detailed comment in connection with the proposed plan. A review of the same files failed to reflect any commitments made by any representative of the Metropolitan Police Department which would permit the arming of individual members of the new plan now being considered under the Emergency Security Patrol. However, as pointed out in my memorandum of 21 August 1952, Inspector Covell indicated that it was his recollection that he had previously approved such a proposal that would permit certain qualified CIA Personnel to carry side-arms in connection with emergency duties.

3. In accordance with Inspector Covell's suggestion, and with your concurrence, please find attached a letter prepared for the signature of the Security Officer, CIA, addressed to the Major and Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Department requesting the presence of Inspector Covell at a meeting for the purpose of obtaining authorization to arm certain designated CIA employees for emergency duties as members of the Emergency Security Patrol.



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